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1. No visible changes have occurred in the Polish garrison in Kostrzyn (Kuestrin).¹ The Polish tank regiment, which is a part of this garrison, is still equipped with the same type of tank as was previously reported, but the tanks are now armed with artillery guns that are probably over 80 mm. caliber. The garrison is billeted in the former German barracks and in the requisitioned houses located in the northern part of the town.
2. The Soviet garrison in Kostrzyn occupies the sector of the town located west of the Kostrzyn-Rzepin (Reppin) railroad line and an area of about two kilometers in length between the mouths of the Warta (Warthe) and Oder Rivers. All of the buildings in the Soviet sector of the town have been put at the disposal of the Soviets, and about 100 various wooden barracks on brick foundations have been constructed in this sector. The buildings and barracks are either occupied by soldiers or are being used for stores. Large, substantial, port warehouses, which will probably constitute a large depot for the Soviet Army, are being constructed along the eastern bank of the Oder River from the Polish railroad station² to the mouth of the Warta River. A branch railroad line has also been constructed along this bank. These large scale works are, however, far from being completed.
3. The Soviet garrison in Kostrzyn, which numbers between 6,000 and 7,000 soldiers, still consists of the same units as previously reported. All of these units are regiments, and the Soviet tanks with which this garrison is equipped are Stalin-3's.

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Comment: The main railroad station of Kostrzyn is situated on the German side of the Oder River.

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